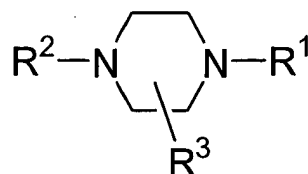


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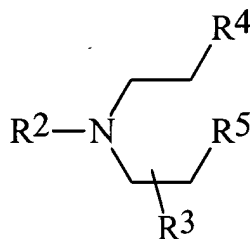
The present invention relates to a novel process for preparing a compound of the formula

I:



wherein R<sup>1</sup> denotes substituted or unsubstituted alkyl, aryl, arylalkoxy, tosyl, formyl, benzoyl, acetyl or amine; R<sup>2</sup> denotes substituted or unsubstituted alkyl, alkoxy, aryl, aryloxy or arylalkoxy; and R<sup>3</sup> denotes substituted or unsubstituted alkyl, alkoxy, aryl, aryloxy or arylalkoxy; by reacting a compound of the formula

B<sup>2</sup>



II

wherein R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are as defined above and R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> are independently selected from the group consisting of fluoro, chloro, bromo and iodo,

with a compound of the formula H<sub>2</sub>N-R<sup>1</sup>, wherein R<sup>1</sup> is as defined above. Preferably the reaction is performed in the presence of a solvent. Polar aprotic solvents such as, dimethyl formamide, dimethylacetamide and dimethylsulfoxide are preferred.

### IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 49, 53, 54, 58, and 63, as follows: